



# Youth Photography Contest



## See Your Photograph in a Calendar!

In 2003 the National Wildlife Refuge System will be celebrating 100 years of service, and Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will be celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Blackwater NWR and the Friends of Blackwater are commemorating these important milestones with a special 2003 calendar featuring scenes from Blackwater NWR. **The Friends of Blackwater are looking for a few good pictures for this calendar, and they need your help!**

All youngsters 12 and under are invited to submit their photos taken at Blackwater NWR for this calendar. Twelve photos will be selected by a panel of judges to be published in the calendar, which will be available at the Eagle's Nest Bookstore and used to help support Blackwater NWR programs. A copy of the calendar will also be placed in the Blackwater NWR Time Capsule, which will be sealed on March 14, 2003 (the Refuge System's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday), and will not be opened until March 14, 2103. In addition, **U.S. Savings Bonds of \$100, \$50, and \$25 will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners, respectively.**

President Theodore Roosevelt began the Refuge System in 1903 when he set aside the 5-acre Pelican Island in Florida as a bird sanctuary. Since then, the System has grown to include over 540 refuges and thousands of waterfowl production areas, encompassing over 100 million acres of protected land. Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge became a part of the Refuge System in 1933, designated as an area to protect migratory birds. Today, Blackwater's 27,000 acres serve as not only a haven for thousands of migratory ducks and geese, but also a home for threatened and endangered species, including one of the largest nesting populations of bald eagles on the East Coast.

Help us capture the essence of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge during this moment in time to commemorate the past and pass the conservation legacy on to the future! **Submit your original photo(s) along with the negative by September 15, 2002.** Feel free to call **410-228-2677** or email [fw5rw\\_bwnwr@fws.gov](mailto:fw5rw_bwnwr@fws.gov) if you have any questions.

---

Cut and return with photo(s).

## Blackwater NWR / Friends of Blackwater Centennial Youth Photography Contest Entry Form



Please complete and sign release on next page.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Photo (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## Blackwater NWR / Friends of Blackwater Centennial Youth Photo Contest Rules

### Who may enter:

All young people age 12 and under (your 13<sup>th</sup> birthday cannot be before October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002).

### How you enter:

Kids and their parents must complete and sign the entry/release form at the bottom of the page and include it with each photograph. Do **NOT** attach the entry slip to the photos with any form of adhesive. Place the entry/release form, photo, and negative in an envelope. Entries can be dropped off at the Blackwater NWR Refuge Visitor Center (Weekdays 8am-4pm, Weekends 9am-5pm) or the Refuge Headquarters office (Weekdays 8am-4pm), or can be mailed to: Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, Centennial Photo Contest, 2145 Key Wallace Drive, Cambridge, MD, 21613

### Photography Rules:

- # All photos **MUST** be taken on Blackwater Refuge. Any type of camera can be used.
- # Photo subjects can be of Blackwater wildlife or landscapes, or a combination. All photo subjects will receive equal consideration.
- # Please send only original print photographs and negatives, at least 4"x6" in size.
- # **Limit three photo entries per person. Complete an entry form for each photo.**

### Judging:

A panel consisting of Blackwater NWR staff and members of the Friends of Blackwater will judge contest entries. The judges will be looking for clear, steady photos that best convey the essence of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.

### Deadline: September 15, 2002

All entries must be received by the deadline date. Contest winners will be notified by phone or mail. The winning photos will be displayed at the Blackwater NWR Visitor Center at the Open House, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002, and the contest winners will be invited to attend the sealing of the time capsule on March 14, 2003.

### Photo Clinics:

If you are looking for some tips to improve your photography, a special clinic will be held Saturday, July 20, 2002. Disposable cameras will be available to kids who need a camera if they sign up in advance by calling Blackwater NWR at **410-228-2677**.

Cut and return with photo(s).

<b><i>Blackwater NWR/Friends of Blackwater Centennial Photo Contest Release Agreement</i></b> The entrant grants permission to the Friends of Blackwater and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to use his/her photograph(s) in promotion of the Centennial celebration of the National Wildlife Refuge System. This includes, but is not limited to, the inclusion of said photo(s) in the Blackwater NWR Centennial Calendar and a time capsule, and all related publicity in print and electronic media.			
Name:		Phone:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Email:
Signature of parent or guardian:			
Signature of entrant:			